

Advisory Committee for Senior Citizens
Minutes of October 4, 2001

Present: David Ogg, Member Steven Banch, Member
Jo Rhoads, Member Ed Forst, Member
Merrill Dixon, Member Bill Weisgerber, Member
Lawrence Jose, Member Carla Vaughan, Staff

Excused: Jane Crowe, Member Marie Hoag, Member

Absent: None

Visitors: Victoria Lang, Gloria Dixon, Jo-Anne Stein

Approval of Minutes: Motion by Larry Jose, supported by Jo Rhoads that the minutes of September 6, 2001 be amended as follows: Bill Weisgerber nominated Merrill Dixon for Chairman. Mr. Dixon was elected by a vote of seven to one. Ayes: All Nays: None MOTION CARRIED

Old Business:

Community Center Update: Carla reported that Phase I is still on schedule. Mr. Dixon commented that the south end looks bad and asked when something would be done about that. Carla reported that the south end will be torn down as soon as work on Phase II begins in the spring. It remains up for now because it is connected to a part of the old building that we are still using.

Suggestion Box: Mr. Dixon reported that there were no suggestions this month. Jo-Anne Stein said that she had received a suggestion from someone in the lunchroom that the Committee change their meeting day/time because the parking lot is too crowded and people cannot find a parking spot so they can attend the meeting. Mr. Banch said that the parking problem is temporary, and Mr. Dixon did not think the change was justified. The Committee decided not to change their meeting time. Mr. Dixon said that the suggestion box has been in place for one year now, and there have been 13 suggestions. Mr. Weisgerber suggested that there be an article in the newsletter summarizing what action was taken on these suggestions. It was moved by Larry Jose and seconded by David Ogg that Mr. Weisgerber write that article.

A discussion was held about the survey that Jo Rhoads reported on last month. Mr. Dixon asked how the moment of silence for grace is being accepted. Jo-Anne Stein said that it has been well accepted. Carla reported the policy about grace has been posted in the lunchroom. Regarding name badges, Carla reported that volunteers and Mackinac trip participants would get them first, and we may wait until we get in the new building to give them to everyone. Mr. Banch said this would be good for volunteer recognition. Mr. Weisgerber suggested that we try to determine if the seniors will wear their nametags before we make a lot of them. Regarding unpleasant volunteers in the lunchroom, Carla feels that volunteers do not know all the policies, they often interject their own opinions, and Jean is not there to supervise them. It was moved by Mr. Weisgerber and

seconded by Mr. Jose that Mr. Banch and Carla meet with Jean Moseley to discuss how to resolve this problem, and report back next month.

Fees for Senior Programs: Merrill Dixon reported that there has been two meetings to discuss establishing fees for the new community center. There will be a membership fee for some fitness activities, but there has also been discussion about how to offer a drop-in fee.

Bill Weisgerber reported that it has been proposed to not offer a senior discount. He feels that City Hall should budget for discounts for low income people instead of the Parks and Recreation Department. Amended 11-1-01 to: He feels that City Hall should budget for discounts for low income, seniors and disabled people instead of the Parks and Recreation Department. Ed Forst asked if non-resident fees had been discussed.

Troy Daze Participation: Mr. Dixon reported that he had talked to Marie Hoag, and they are going to hold all of the “goodies” until next year. He asked Mr. Weisgerber to thank his son for offering his car for the parade.

Survey for November Newsletter: Carla distributed a revised copy of the survey that she had given to committee members last month and asked for feedback by October 10.

New Business:

Phone Charges: Victoria Lang is concerned that the phone company is charging too much. She has not been able to get an adjustment on what she felt were unfair charges, and has therefore not paid her bill. Her long distance service has been disconnected as a result. Mr. Ogg and Mr. Jose suggested that she get a cell phone as fees are lower. Mr. Ogg also suggested that she contact the Public Service Commission or better yet, the Attorney General's Office. Mr. Weisgerber will explore writing a letter to a state-wide committee about this issue.

Other:

Member Comments: Mr. Ogg asked what Carla had found out about the Gem Theater price difference at Troy vs. Madison Heights. Carla reported that Troy charges more for their bus. The additional \$3 difference in cost was due to a typographical and a proofreading error.

Mr. Weisgerber would like to know how many newsletters we mail and how many we hand out. Carla will report back on this next month.

Parks and Recreation Report: No report.

Troy Medi-Go Plus Report: No report.

Nutrition Report: There were **1404** meals served in the Troy Community Center in **August**. The average donation was **\$1.85**. **1810** homebound meals were delivered.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:55 am

Respectfully submitted,

Carla Vaughan

Secretary